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Ms. BROWNLEY. Madam Speaker, on this Earth Day, I rise to recognize the crucial significance of President Biden's international climate summit.

After 4 years of neglecting our responsibilities to the planet and to future generations, the U.S. is back on the world stage and ready to take the bold and urgent action that the climate crisis demands.

There is no "go it alone" approach when it comes to climate change. To mitigate the impacts of the climate crisis, the entire world must come together with a common goal of stopping pollution, protecting public health, and building a clean and just economy.

The consequences of neglecting our duty to protect the planet have never been more clear.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to advance the ambitious climate plans of the summit and come together to create a cleaner and better tomorrow.

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY

(Mrs. STEEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. STEEL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 106th anniversary of the Armenian genocide.

Saturday, April 24, is Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day. On the anniversary of the Armenian genocide, we mourn the innocent lives lost and renew our call to recognize these events for what they were: a genocide.

The Armenian people were removed from their homes and fell victim to a mass murder campaign between 1915 and 1916. It is estimated that over 1 million Armenians were killed in this tragedy.

So many years later, people still do not call these events a genocide. If we do not teach an accurate history, then we are doomed to repeat it. It is our responsibility to recognize these tragedies and to mourn them.

ADAM TOLEDO

(Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, the killing of Adam Toledo shook the Nation.

The video released a week ago shows a 13-year-old boy being chased by an officer, complying with instructions to drop it, and it show his hands up. Still the officer shot Adam in the chest. He complied and still died.

It is hard to watch the video and not imagine a son or a nephew in his place. It brought about very powerful, personal emotions for people. I know it did for me.

I was around the same age as Adam when I moved to the neighborhood of

Little Village. I have known countless youth who have died on our streets, whether it was gun violence from gangs, or in this case, the police.

We must pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act and end qualified immunity.

But in Black and Latino communities, we know the police play by a different set of rules too often. Change requires more accountability. We must invest in families and youth rather than violent policing.

(English translation of the statement made in Spanish is as follows:)

"To rest in peace, Adam Toledo, our families and our community need justice and hope that this doesn't happen again."

Para descansar en paz, Adam Toledo, nuestras familias y comunidad necesitan justicia y esperanza de que esto no se repetirá.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. STRICKLAND). The gentleman will provide a translation of his remarks to the Clerk.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVE RAAK

(Mr. FEENSTRA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FEENSTRA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dave Raak from Hospers, Iowa.

Dave recently passed away from a long and courageous battle with a rare organ condition.

Dave dedicated his life to serving his community. His great-grandfather started Hospers Telephone Company in the early 1900s. Dave eventually took over the company from his dad and worked tirelessly to ensure that rural communities served by HTC Communications had quality telecommunication services.

Dave was instrumental in building a fiber network in the 1990s across Iowa which now serves as the backbone of our economy by connecting rural Iowa to the world.

Dave also leaves behind his wife of 54 years, Arlene; and their children; Ruth, Rachel, and Paul; along with their many grandchildren.

Dave was truly a family man.

Please join me in praying for his loved ones as they say goodbye.

BLACK APRIL

(Mr. CORREA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, April 30 we will commemorate the 46th anniversary of Black April and the Fall of Saigon. On this day we are reminded of the pain of losing your homeland and the sacrifices made in the search for freedom from tyranny.

When Saigon fell in 1975, thousands of families were forced to flee their home or be brutalized in reeducation

camp. Today, the refugees of Vietnam are proud Americans who are a very important part of our community and our country.

The United States must always be a beacon of hope to those without hope. We must continue to stand up for human rights and religious freedom around the world.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CONGRESSMAN ALCEE HASTINGS

(Mrs. MURPHY of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to say my final goodbye to Alcee Hastings, the dean of Florida's congressional delegation, who recently passed away.

Someone will be elected to fill his seat, but Alcee is irreplaceable. His life was full, complex, and extraordinary.

Born in 1936, Alcee spent his formative years in my district. He lived in Altamonte Springs and attended the all-Black Crooms Academy in Sanford.

This was the segregated South where the opportunities available to African Americans were few and the obstacles to success were many. But Alcee was a force of nature. He rose to become an attorney, then a State judge, and then a Federal judge.

Judge Hastings suffered a setback, but he rose again becoming a Member of Congress admired by his colleagues and beloved by his constituents.

As Congressman HAKEEM JEFFRIES put it, he loved the people he served, and he always fought for the least, the lost, and the left behind.

The book of Alcee's life contained challenging chapters, but ultimately it is a story of redemption and achievement in the face of adversity, written by a warrior for justice and equality who left the world far better than he found it.

Rest in peace, Congressman. You have earned it.

PAY PARITY FOR WOMEN

(Mr. MRVAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, as a proud father of two daughters, Genevieve and Scarlett, I was honored to join my colleagues last week in voting to support the passage of H.R. 7, the Paycheck Fairness Act. It is deeply regrettable that despite the enactment of the Equal Pay Act in 1963, there remains serious wage gaps based on gender.

According to the American Association of University Women, in the First District of Indiana, a woman earns just 63 cents for every dollar that a man earns for performing the same job.

There must be equal pay for equal work, and I am pleased that the House has taken action to right this wrong.

I encourage our Senate colleagues to move forward with addressing this